Supply of articles of Food etc., for Mysore Sub-Jail for the year 1951.

Q.—25. Sri S. RANGARAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any tenders were called for for the supply of articles of food etc., for Mysore Sub-Jail for the year 1951 ;

(*b*) the number of tenders that were received ; the lowest tender ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a higher tender was accepted in preference to the lowest tender ; if so, the reasons for doing so ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the solvency certificate produced by the applicant for the lowest tender was noted on his application ; and whether it is a fact that the said solvency certificate was missing from the records; the action taken to trace the solvency certificate ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Four tenders were received as noted below:—

		Rs.
i.	Sri Mayanna	27,051–0–0
ii.	Sri K. Munivenkataswamiah	29,806–0–0
iii.	Sri Doddiah	33,686–2–0
iv.	Sri Siddappa	Not available.

(*c*) The lowest tender had to be rejected as it was not accompanied with the solvency certificate required under clause 25 of the Tender Notification.

(*d*) No. The solvency certificate was not produced by the applicant with his tender application on 1-12-1950 which was the last date fixed as per notification dated 21-11-1950 for the receipt of tenders relating to the Mysore Jail, but the same was subsequently produced on 5-12-1950 and rejected.

Transfer of Bus permits by the Permit-holders.

Q.—29. Sri S. RANGARAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of bus licences that were granted in the years 1949 and 1950 in the State to the private bus owners ;

(*b*) the total amount of cess realised from these licences in 1949 and 1950 ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that several bus licence holders have alienated their bus lines to others without permission ;

(*d*) whether they will institute enquiry into such abuses of the bus-permits and take drastic measures to prevent them if found true ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) *1949*	*1950*
100	206.

(*b*) *1949*	*1950*
Rs. 4,59,743.	Rs. 5,69,890.

(*c*) Yes, a few cases.

(*d*) The District Magistrates of Districts have already been instructed by the Traffic Board to make confidential enquiries into such transactions and report them for being dealt with suitably. Certain specific instances recently brought to the notice of Government are under the consideration of the Traffic Board which is competent to deal with such cases. There is no necessity to institute a separate enquiry into the abuses of the bus permits.

Officials dismissed and reinstated in Service who have participated in 'Chalo Mysore' Movement.

Q.—31. Sri S. C. SOORYANARAYANA CHETTY (Hassan District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Government officials in Mysore that have been dismissed from service for having taken part in the "Quit India" and "Chalo

Mysore" movements (details to be furnished districtwar along with names of such officials);

(*b*) of them, the number of officials that were reinstated on their request and without their request;

(*c*) whether any representations have been received by Government from such officials requesting that the period of their absence from the date of their dismissal up to the date of reinstatement be added on to their service; what action has been taken in the matter?

A—**The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) *Three* officials, *viz.*,

i. Sri Surnahalli Narasimhiah, Clerk, Municipal Office, Nyamathi, Shimoga District.

ii. Mrs. G. Muliyil, Lecturer in English, University of Mysore.

iii. Mrs. Kesari Kesavan. Lecturer in English, University of Mysore.

(*b*) *Two* officials, *viz.*,

i. Sri Surnahalli Narasimhiah (reinstated as Revenue Inspector).

ii. Mrs. Muliyil (reinstated in her original appointment)

(*c*) Yes. The representation of Sri S. Narasimhiah is under consideration.

No representation was received from Mrs. Muliyil; however the period of her absence was treated as leave, without break in service.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

The Mysore Cinematograph Entertainment Tax Bill, 1951.

Motion to consider.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA (Minister for Finance and Industries).—Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Mysore Cinematograph Entertainment Tax Bill, 1951, as reported by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration."

Sir, in presenting this report, I must place before the House one fact, namely that the Bill originally contemplated a seating tax on all cinema houses other than those which move from place to place and a show or a performance tax on what are known as, Moving Talkies. The Select Committee went into the whole question in detail and felt that the structure of the taxation be modified a little, that it should not at all be made dependant on the seating capacity but to have some bearing on the number of shows also and that if it was merely on seating capacity, it might work as a hardship. I must also say that there were fairly loud protests from some of the Cinema Houses. The Select Committee was inclined to view these representations favourably and so they have evolved a formula whereby the incidence of taxation on cinemas would be reduced and also the hardship, if any, likely to ensue would be mitigated. Therefore instead of having the rates of Rs. 1-8-0, Re. 1-0-0 and Re. 0-12-0 for cinemas in the cities, in the district headquarters and in other places, they recommended that they may be as what is given in the schedule. The Select Committee felt a doubt, and that was a doubt only that this might be construed as altering the structure of the taxation and therefore suggested the desirability of securing the recommendation of His Highness the Rajpramukh. That was as a measure of abundant precaution and if my own opinion is asked, I might say that it was not a thing which was altering the structure of taxation because in the original Bill there was with reference to touring talkies a performance or show tax. We were extending that principle only to cinema houses in the cities and towns. Last there should be any questioning of the authority of this Legislature we took the precaution of securing the recommendation of His Highness the Rajpramukh in the matter and this is now going to be placed as an amendment to the original Bill and therefore I think the House would accept the Bill as amended.

One or two small matters have been considered by the Select Committee.